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SUBJECT: SUDAN/CHAD AND SUDAN/CAE BORDERS

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1. MIN LOCALGOVT AL SHAREIF AL-KHATIM, WHO JUST BACK FROM
ACCOMPANYING PRIMIN ON SOUTHERN DARFUR TOUR (REFTEL) TOLD
AMBASSADOR DEC 23 THAT QADHAFI HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN SEEKING
STIR UP REBELS IN SOUTHERN CHAD AGAINST THEIR GOVERNMENT.
THERE HAD BEEN SOME "GOING AND COMING" ACROSS SUDANESE
FRONTIER BUT SUDANESE ARMY UNITS WERE IN AREA AND TAKING PRE-
CAUTIONS. KHATIM CONCLUDED THAT SITUATION FROM THIS QUARTER NOW
QUIET BUT HE SAID THERE WAS STILL CONCERN RE POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY
BREWING FROM DIRECTION CAE.

2. PRIMIN TAHIR QUOTED BY SUNA DEC 23 AS HAVING
HIGHLIGHTED SOUTHERN DARFUR "BACKWARDNESS ... DURING THE
DEFUNCT PARTIES REGIME". (COMMENT: CLEAR REFERENCE TO
REGIME OF WHICH EXILED EX-PRIM SADIQ AL-MAHDI AND
EXILED EX-FINMIN HUSSEIN AL-HINDI WERE
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LEADING EXPONENTS. END COMMENT). PRIMIN ANNOUNCED
AT VARIOUS STOPS DURING HIS TOUR THAT FUNDS EARMARKED FOR
NYALA/KAS/Z ALINGI ROAD, THAT CANNING FACTORY WOULD BE SET
UP IN JEBEL MARA, AND MOBILE VETERINARY CLINIC INSTALLED,
AND THAT TENANTS' DEBTS TO AGRICULTURAL BANK WOULD BE FROZEN
FOR TWO YEARS.

3. COMMENT. KHATIM'S REMARKS CONFIRM THAT TIMING PRIMIN'S VISIT AT LEAST IN PART RELATED GOS CONCERN RE SECURITY SUDANESE/CAE FRONTIER. THIS CONNECTION, KHATIM DESCRIBED PROVINCIAL SUDANESE HE HAD MET AS NAIVE AND GENUINELY GRATEFUL FOR ANY SHOW OF INTEREST ON PART KHARTOUM AUTHORITIES. GOS CLEARLY HOPES THROUGH SPECIAL ATTENTIONS AND PROJECTS TO ASSURE THAT LOCAL POPULACE WILL PROVE HOSTILE TO ANY COVERT ACTION ORIGINATING IN CAE/CHADIAN/SUDANESE BORDER AREA. BREWER

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